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The Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D. C. 20505

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Dear Tim:

It was a real pleasure to get your letter. I'm sure we miss you more than you miss Washington.

I am happy to send you two unclassified publications issued recently on the Soviet economy. I hope you find them of interest.

I would like to take you up on your suggestion to get together the next time you are in Washington. I would be delighted to host you out here for either breakfast or lunch. Just let me know when you will be coming.

Again, it was good to hear from you.

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Regards,
Robert M. Gates

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The Honorable Robert M. Gates Deputy Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Bob:

I recently read in <u>The New York Times</u> that the Agency's report "Revisiting Soviet Economic Performance Under Glasnost" is unclassified on either subject. I miss my NID!

As you will recall, I have a continuing interest in the Soviet Union's economic performance and world oil markets. Accordingly, I would very much appreciate it if you would ask someone to send me a copy of the report and anything else that is unclassified.

The next time I am in Washington, I will see if you are available for breakfast or lunch.

Best personal regards,

R. T. McNamar

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